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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: PRE-LICENSE END USE CHECK ON
APPLICATION 050073494

REF: STATE 167154

¶1. Reftel requested that post conduct a Blue Lantern pre-license check on application 050073494 for the export of thermal cameras to the UAE. On January 6, 2008, Commercial Officer Nasir Khan and Commercial Specialist Jamal Bafagih met with Mr. Murshed Al Redaini, Managing Director, C4 Advanced Solutions (C4). Redaini explained that C4 was established in 2006 as a subsidiary of Emirates Advanced Investments, which is owned by Hussain Ibrahim Al Hammadi. Hammadi is a retired Colonel with the UAE Special Operations Command and has close ties to the Abu Dhabi Al Nahayan royal family.

¶2. C4 specializes in providing high tech expertise and equipment in information technology, telecommunications, and homeland security solutions for the UAE government. C4's main clients are the UAE government: UAE National Identity Authority, UAE National Transport Authority, and the UAE Armed Forces GHQ for whom they are a certified sales distributor. Redaini confirmed their order for thermal cameras as a part of their homeland security support to GHQ border and coastal surveillance and reconnaissance requirements. Additionally, both C4 and Emirates Advanced Investments are known contacts of the Embassy's Commercial Section.

¶3. On January 9, 2008, Staff Colonel (Eng.) Yahya Yousuf A. Al-Baloushi, Director General Purchasing, UAE GHQ Armed Forces Logistics Staff confirmed that GHQ had ordered the 10 thermal cameras via C4 Advanced Solutions.

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